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Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point 4-H parades at Extravaganza

A short but colourful Winter Wonderland Parade was filled with brightly-lit entries, with this cheerful combination by Elk Point 4-H Multi Club declared this year's first prize winner. Shamrock Valley Enterprises placed second and ATB Financial received third prize.

Extravaganza lights up Friday night

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Multicoloured lights soared to the top of the tall pines and swagged on roof and fence at the Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre and icicle lights twinkled and reflected off the ice of a freshly-made, bale-encircled outdoor skating rink at the Iron Horse Trail staging area on Friday evening. Floats draped in lights and loaded with festive inflatables and rosy-cheeked riders in fur-trimmed hats led the way up Main Street past cheering crowds as Santa and Mrs. Santa waved from on an old-fashioned hay rack pulled by a big green tractor.

Christmas Extravaganza 2010 brought plenty of festive hustle and bustle to the downtown area at dusk, as preschoolers tried their skill at a series of games in Activity Lane and elementary-age youngsters toured the town in a search for Scavenger Hunt clues. Meanwhile, at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, children decorated tree ornaments and coloured pictures as they waited their turn to perch on Santa's knee and deliver their Christmas lists. Up on the hill, F. G. Miller High School was a hub of activity as Clifford the Big Red Dog welcomed everyone to the school's annual book fair, and shoppers browsed for special gifts from more than 23 booths at the trade and craft fair.

Immediately after the parade, the lineups began at the Visitor Information Centre for tractor-drawn hayrides, while a good number of skaters of all ages tried out the new rink nearby. Elk Point and District Lions and Community Lions were kept busy adding names to their community Christmas card and collecting items for Santas Anonymous, the Servus Credit Union staff was busy dispensing complimentary hot chocolate and selling hot dogs, Ron Smith was hard at work selling tickets on the miniature Eco Centre playhouse that will now be drawn for on Canada Day 2011, and the Volunteer Firefighters kept a close eye on the pair of blazing bonfires. All that was missing was the entertainment, which was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute.

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Chamber rallies walkers for trails planning

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce devoted their Nov. 17 meeting to rounding up a number of local recreational walking enthusiasts and tracking down their input on the town's proposed network of pedestrian trails.

Town manager Myron Goyan handed out copies of a proposal he had written regarding trails, listing priorities and issues of concern and including aerial photos of the town and adjoining area with potential trails marked in.

The priorities included cleaning up the wooded and creek areas that run through town and the creek and ravine between the Elk Point Recreation Park and the north cemetery, ensuring back alleys are graveled, adding more crosswalks in residential areas, replacing deteriorating sidewalks, installing bicycle stands in the downtown area, building pedestrian bridges in the Centennial subdivision

and across an area known locally as 'Frog Pond' and building sets of stairs on the hills in the Atimoswe Creek valley leading from the road near the north cemetery to the road between the south cemetery and Recreation Park. The bridges and walkways would provide scenic access to the park and golf course and to the 'loop' south and west of town where many residents currently walk for exercise. Paving of part of the Iron Horse Trail in town could also be part of the plan.

The proposal netted the town a \$500,000 provincial grant for trail development, to be spent over five years along with a matching amount from the town and other sources, which could include donations in kind.

Goyan said a subcommittee of the town's Economic Development Committee "came up with a proposal of internal trails," which was showcased at the 2008 Information Night. "None of these plans are written in stone except the

Iron Horse Trail."

To date, some surveying and engineering studies have taken place on the areas in the proposal.

Town council will be having a stakeholders meeting in January 2011 to gather community input on the trails, Goyan said, "then we have to get going on it."

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko praised the efforts of Sue Campbell, who was part of the subcommittee, and who "did a lot of great work," which Goyan said included "taking a tremendous lot of pictures and indicating ideas for site development on them."

Bezpalko is looking at the Elk Point Visitor Information Centre as a focal point of the trails and has suggested trails to the mural and other local points of interest, special street signage and historical markers as a way to direct visitors around our "safe, caring community."

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Elk Point RCMP clamp down on drugs

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

The Elk Point detachment of the RCMP is targeting drug traffickers in the Lakeland area, resulting in several significant arrests in Elk Point, Fishing Lake and the County of St. Paul, according to Cst. John Spaans. As a result, there has been a significant reduction in gang activity in the area, he said.

"What we've done, specifically in Frog Lake, we've driven out pretty much all of the gang activity through our search warrants and really focusing on the primary offenders out there," said Spaans, who handles communications for the Elk Point RCMP detachment. "Right now, gang activity and for the most part, drug activity, is at a minimum."

He said the Indian Posse and Alberta Warriors were active in the region and now they are either lying low or have left town. Chief Clifford Stanley was unable to be reached for comment on the RCMP's work in the region and band manager Greg Carter said he was unable to comment.

One of these gang members was the same one involved in

a 2008/2009 New Year's Eve car jacking, he said. In that incident, the suspected gang member, Tyler Jonnie, needed a ride to Edmonton and sat at a four way stop in Frog Lake and waited for an unsuspecting passerby and he hopped in the passenger seat with a shotgun. When that vehicle hit the ditch, a good Samaritan stopped to help out and that person got car jacked as well.

"There was no drugs involved in that incident but (Jonnie) was known to be involved in the drug community and he just recently pled guilty to robbery with a firearm and got five and a half years," said Spaans. "It shows how desperate some of these drug guys and gang members can get, just to get a ride to Edmonton."

He said RCMP are now watching the area carefully and they are able to identify early signs of gang activity starting up.

"A lot of times they spray paint their symbols on signs and buildings. They also wear certain types of clothing and certain colors. Each street gang in Alberta has its own unique set of apparel to identify them as part of a certain gang."

He said one of the detachment's bigger drug investigations resulted in the arrest of three members of a local family, father Omer Gamache and his two sons, Joseph and Bernie Gamache. The investigation involved the Alberta Sheriffs department and a number of different investigative surveillance techniques, including surveillance aircraft. He said that the investigation took Elk Point RCMP beyond the boundaries of its detachment into the County of St. Paul and up into Bonnyville.

Bernie Gamache is scheduled to enter his election and plea on Dec. 23 in relation to the charge of possession of controlled substances. Omer and his wife Margie Ann Gamache, a co-accused, have pled not guilty to drug-related charges and will be facing trial on May 16, 2011, while Joseph Gamache will face a preliminary hearing on May 10 for charges of possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking, possession of stolen property and careless storage of firearms.

Parrish Tung, mayor of Elk Point, said he is more than satisfied with the recent efforts of the RCMP.

"Our Staff Sgt. Brad Lazicki has taken policing to a higher level because he has been quite aggressive in terms of crime prevention in our region," said Tung. "As a mayor, I am just thrilled that they are doing such a great job, every one of the members."

Spaans explained there has been a big focus in the Elk Point RCMP detachment on having officers apply for search warrants through the courts and as a result, the detachment has obtained 45 search warrants in the past year to execute on houses, cars, banking and telephone records.

"There is a bit of a skill to write them and to have so many written is out of the ordinary. It's not that easy to get a search warrant but through different investigative techniques, we are able to get enough information that the courts are authorizing them and recognizing our investigations," said Spaans.

Remains identified

By Cst. JOHN SPAANS
Elk Point RCMP

On Nov. 12, human remains were located at a rural location south of Elk Point. At approximately 11 a.m., Elk Point RCMP were advised by a group of hunters of a discovery of what was determined to be a human skull located near the North Saskatchewan River.

On Nov. 12, a thorough search of the area was conducted with the assistance of volunteer Search and Rescue teams from St. Paul, Bonnyville, Cold Lake and Edmonton. During the search, additional suspected human remains were found.

On Nov. 19, the Edmonton Medical Examiner's office determined the remains were those of Melanie Jerome. Jerome had been reported missing to the Edmonton Police Service on July 17, two days after she left her residence. Family members have been notified and the matter has been referred to the Edmonton Police Service. To date, the death does not appear to be criminal in nature.

Assault

On Nov. 14 at 3:30 a.m., a 911 call was received from a youth who stated that the youth's mother was being assaulted by a male at their residence in Elk Point. Members arrived on scene and made contact with all involved parties. It is alleged that the male suspect had been drinking alcohol and began pushing and punching the female. The 40-year-old suspect has been charged with assault and uttering threats and has been released from jail on numerous conditions. The female victim in the occurrence was not injured and has not cooperated with police.

Mischief to vehicle

On Nov. 15, Elk Point RCMP were contacted by a male in Fishing Lake who advised that the back window of his vehicle had been

smashed. The complainants advised that he does not know where or when the damage occurred. Investigation into this matter continues.

Single vehicle collision

On Nov. 15, Elk Point RCMP, EMS and fire department attended a single vehicle rollover on Armistice Road. The Toyota Matrix swerved to miss a deer and ended up rolling into the south ditch. The lone male occupant was not injured.

Elk Point RCMP would like to remind drivers that the roadways are very slick and motorists should be extra cautious when driving during the winter months.

Dispute

On Nov. 17 at 1 p.m., Elk Point RCMP were contacted by a female in Frog Lake who was having an argument with her sister and wanted police intervention. When members arrived, both parties were spoken to and it was determined that no criminal activity had taken place. Members told the 19- and 21-year-olds to leave one another alone.

Theft of motor vehicle

At 10 p.m. on Nov. 17, RCMP received a complaint of a stolen vehicle in Elk Point. The complainant's Ford F-140 pickup truck had been warming up in front of a residence at the time of the theft. On Nov. 18, RCMP received a tip that the vehicle was parked in a field in Frog Lake. Members attended and located the stolen vehicle. The vehicle sustained minor damage as a result of the theft. Forensic analysis was conducted on the truck and investigation continues.

Assault

On Nov. 20, RCMP was contacted by a male who stated he was assaulted. The male victim alleged that he was sleeping on a friend's couch at a residence in Elk Point when he was awakened by a male suspect choking and punching him.

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Extravaganza lights up

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Shoppers trekked from store to store, filling

Extravaganza passports with stickers and stuffing them into the bulging draw drum at Elk Point Co-op in preparation for the 9:30 p.m. draw. Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith and treasurer Geoff Hyslop did the honours, drawing the name of Brenda Mudryk for top prize of \$2,000 Elk Point Bucks, Brenda Hayman's passport for the \$500 Bucks, Debra McQuinn for \$200 Bucks, Marlene McCarthy winning the table of eight dinner theatre tickets, and Joanne Bepalko the \$100 ARK Autowash gift card. F. G. Miller vice-principal Cheri Lindquist and student Brianna White drew the name of the 50/50 winner, Paula Wirsta.

The evening wound up with the traditional huge fireworks display.

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Shoeboxes shipped

By MARGARET MODIN

Operation Christmas Child coordinator for Elk Point area

Operation Christmas Child 2010 in Elk Point has been completed, and we are grateful to all those who contributed in any way to make a shipment of 278 shoeboxes.

Sandy Smith and Lee Wruth of Quality Time Tours kindly picked them up for delivery to Greyhound Edmonton for shipment to Calgary for processing. We so appreciate the support of these bus lines for their ongoing service, and that of willing volunteers Parrish Tung, Alvin Fry, Rob Urquhart and Rick Peters of Elk Point Baptist Church who came out early in the morning to load the

boxes onto the bus.

Diane Dewan and Denise Bjorkman at the schools once again met the campaign with continued enthusiasm and worked with the students and parents of their schools, while Wanda Kryzanowski and Ruth Vogel of the Elk Point Christian Community Church in Elk Point and Valerie Younker of Avon Glen Mission Church in Irma also continued their involvement.

To each and every one of you who filled a box or helped deliver boxes, thank you, thank you. May each one of you involved be blessed when you think of the children who will receive these gifts of love at Christmas and the joy they will know because you cared.

Fire victims' fundraiser was 'phenomenal'

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The tremendous response to the Nov. 12 fundraiser for Rob and Melinda Heathcote and family, who lost their home to fire Oct. 31, has organizers agreeing "we couldn't have asked for anything better."

The silent and live auctions were even larger than anticipated, Cathy Ockerman said. "By the end of the day, we had almost double the amount of items we started with. The cakes were a big hit and the pies were donated to be dessert, but ended up as auction items. We were so impressed. It was just phenomenal." The auctions raised in excess of \$26,000 to help the family to rebuild their lives.

The turnout had organizers "absolutely

floored," Ockerman said. "We were concerned that with the Valdy and Fjellgaard concert, we wouldn't have a crowd, but obviously, families like family functions."

The crowd made short work of multiple roasters of chili and a mountain of buns donated by the local bakery, while many volunteers contributed to the dessert tables. After the meal, lively bidding took place on both silent and live auctions, before Rob Hendriks "did an exceptional job of keeping everyone out on the dance floor" throughout the evening.

The evening was a huge success, and Ockerman says, "Everyone was there for the right reasons. Elk Point is a very supportive community, and a great place to raise a family."

Northern Lights to unveil reno, additions

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Just over 18 months after Northern Lights Library System board chair Larry Tiedemann plunged his shovel into the ground to kick off the project, the system will open its doors to the public on the evening of Dec. 7 to proudly display their newly renovated and expanded headquarters.

Northern Lights moved to the former oil company office and service facility in 2001, and in 2007, received approval for a grant from Albert Infrastructure for renovations that would make the building better fit the needs of the ever-expanding system.

The \$2.3 million project added more than 4,000 square feet to the facility, including a four-bay garage and wheelchair-accessible entry on the south side and a roomy processing, receiving and shipping area on the north side that also has an area where the system's delivery van can be loaded indoors. Renovations were extensive, with workers doubling and tripling up in offices while their own area was gutted and rebuilt, a period that director Mircea Panciuk called "a little bit chaotic. We were all over the place, with all but three offices striped to the outside walls."

The work of receiving

and processing and shipping out materials to the system's 42 member libraries continued throughout the renovation process, although Panciuk said, "turnaround time was about six weeks instead of four."

The renovation also made it possible for the headquarters to house a state-of-the-art communications link between all member libraries that makes it possible for technical staff to work on computers in those libraries without leaving NLLS headquarters.

Northern Lights celebrated its 20th anniversary at the annual conference earlier this fall, and was congratulated by Minister of Municipal Affairs Hector Goudreau on "two decades of exceptional service to a diverse population ... in the 41 member libraries of the second largest library system in Alberta."

The Dec. 7 open house will give the public the opportunity to not only see the expanded building, but also to meet the staff and learn more about the role that Northern Lights Library System plays in the service provided by your local library. The event goes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with refreshments, door prizes and colouring for the kids, and everyone is welcome.

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Chamber rallies walkers

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Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich pointed out that one of the first steps would be to get approval from the County of St. Paul for the development on the hillsides adjacent to the creek, and from MuniCorr to pave a portion of the Iron Horse Trail.

Walker Dorie Duchendorf noted that a minimum five-kilometer trail would be needed to stage events. She also noted that she prefers not to walk along the highway, due to potential danger. She would like to see the 'loop' closed to traffic, however that could not be done because it is a truck route leading to the elevator. "Put the money into something good for the future, even if you have to do it in phases," Shirley Harms added. "Whatever we put in, we need to put in properly." Side trails "might not be paved" but could still be very useable, she noted, "and we absolutely want to use the river" as an attraction, even if trails extending to it are well in the future.

"We need to get people with a vested interest to help make a plan bigger than we need right now," Harms added.

Melanie Poulin looked to future development south of the staging area, noting, "we need to be forward thinking and include it in our plans." The trail to the golf course, she noted, should be the first priority. Fixing sidewalks "so they are more even" and developing a northern loop that includes the Peter Fidler statue were also on her wish list.

A trail around the perimeter of the town could be an asset to the community "and could be worked into future subdivisions," Goyan agreed. The berm along the south perimeter of the mobile home subdivision is wide enough to accommodate a walking trail, he acknowledged.

A snowmobile trail already exists in that area, and there could be a potential for a walking trail nearby, Duchendorf noted. Signage, a dog park and even a park with a fishpond were also suggested.

"The snowmobile group took the initiative on that," Bezpalko said. "They did the existing work and established trails to get out of town. We'll have to see if we can work together with them." Others at the meeting felt this could work and even that it would be "a natural progression."

"We need to bring the stakeholders together and work together," Harms agreed.

It was suggested that the group of walkers get together

with Campbell and plan the stages of development for presentation at the January stakeholders' meeting.

"We've got to have a grandiose plan," Harms said. "We have great natural assets in the greenery and the creek that would lend themselves to a beautiful trail, and we can incorporate the river. It's time to start. A trail system is a terrific future asset, and we all have a vested interest in Elk Point."

Bezpalko suggested, "utilizing the river as a traffic vehicle. Heinsburg is doing a lot of work and so are the forts. Just because things aren't happening right now, we never know what could happen in 36 months. Let's let the mayor and council and Myron know what our wishes are."

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EDITORIAL

New volunteers welcome

Elk Point's Christmas Extravaganza is a volunteer-dependent event, that would not be possible to carry out without the help of those great people who pitch in and do the 101 tasks necessary to put it on.

This year, a good number of first-time volunteers joined the ranks, and it was great to have them on board. The skating rink, Activity Lane and the scavenger hunt were among the new activities that involved new volunteers and were excellent additions to the lineup. In addition, new volunteers helped in various ways with the Photos with Santa, collecting fees, framing prints and supervising crafts. Behind the scenes, new volunteers came forward to collect sponsorship money and take care of many and varied vital tasks.

And yes, the longtime volunteers were there, too, and were more than happy to share their load with newcomers, and welcome them to the ranks.

Thanks to all the volunteers, Extravaganza was great!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Land bank, Leon Benoit win, long service

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 30 IN...

1985

Fourteen community groups shared a total of \$53,380 in recreation and cultural grants from the provincial government. More than 100 representatives of provincial government agencies, oil companies and municipalities met in Elk Point for a workshop on short and long term implications of oil sands development on rural communities.

1990

Town council held a special meeting to discuss the purchase of their property in both residential and industrial land banks, with a much-reduced price available on both until Dec. 31, when it would revert to its original value, well above the current market price. MLA John Drobot said the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission was "doing a good job" of their revisions, which were "making it a more equal situation."

1995

Elk Point's Ninth Annual Christmas Extravaganza was a big success, with fresh snow enhancing the atmosphere and a downtown skating rink, truck-drawn hay ride, a blazing bonfire and a visit from Santa all added to the fun. F. G. Miller High School students far exceeded their goal of 36 boxes, sending over 50 well-filled shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

2000

The mood was jubilant at the Canadian Alliance campaign headquarters in St. Paul as vote counts rolled in, giving Leon Benoit a huge majority and a third term in Ottawa. An old-fashioned carol sing was part of the annual Seniors Christmas Dinner, ushering in the festive season.

2005

Margaret Modin, the only person in the constituency to be nominated provincially, federally and by a group, received her Alberta Centennial medal from MLA Ray Danyluk at the Seniors' Christmas Dinner. Agnes Moroziuk was honored for 30 years of service and Rosemarie Rohner and Barb Yopyk for 25 years of service at Elk Point Health Centre.



GUEST COLUMN

Hard to learn

Here are 21 reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

They were too close to the door to close it.

The buck does funny things when the does are present.

A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

After a number of injections my jaw got number.

Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

When you think about it, you could probably add more words to this list that can be used with two different meanings. While you think about a possibility or two, let me refer to the word Christmas. We take the word Christ and we add the "mas" to it. Now why do we do that? When I

checked with Google, I learned that 'mas' is the Hebrew suffix for day of. Merry used to mean "mighty" as in Robin

Hood and his merry men. So when we say "Merry Christmas", we are saying "Mighty day of Christ".

The next question is: "What about the word X-Mas?" The Greek word for Christ is Xristos. In the 16th century, Europeans began using the first initial of Christ's name "X" in place of the name Christ in Christmas. Thus you have X-Mas.

All of this leads us to the usage of "Happy Holidays" in the last few years, being used instead of "Merry Christmas". It turns out that in December 2007 Zogby American Consumer report found that 95 per cent of folks are NOT offended when they hear the words "Merry Christmas." The real kicker is that one in three are actually very offended when the words "Happy Holidays" push out the phrase "Merry Christmas." Then again it seems like the commercial stores want to use the words "Happy Holidays" just because someone might take offense to a "Christmas" utterance. After all, there are people in this world who are not Christians. There are other cultures and beliefs. Therefore, in the commercial world, selling to all needs to be marketing inclusive of everyone who enter the stores to buy products.

Now back to our Christmas traditions of buying gifts. It's hard to imagine Christmas without presents under the tree, but the practice of buying gifts for Christmas day didn't really get rolling until the 1860s! In 1867, Macy's, the major department store in New York City, stayed open until midnight Christmas eve. Seven years later, in 1874, they were the first to design their window displays around a Christmas theme. That was the start of the gift-giving craze. However, before Macy's, the Three Wise Men, brought gifts of gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the infant Jesus. So there you go!

Hard to learn words in the English language just seem to be what we want them to mean. So there you go! Have a safe, meaningful December everyone!



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

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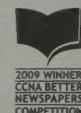
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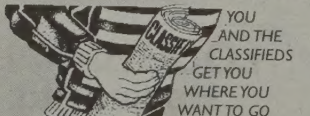
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Midgets draw crowd

No matter what else is on the agenda, midget hockey will always draw a crowd, even though it was Grey Cup Sunday, the stands were full at the A.G. Ross Arena when the **St. Paul Canadiens**, with many Elk Point imports, played here, winning 8 to 4 over Hughenden. Danny Garrett scoring a hat trick, including a very impressive two-man-short-handed -one, throwing it into overdrive, "Dan the Man" pulled away from pack with a real burst of speed, did a little dippy -doddle and buried it, Jason Jubinville also scoring a hat trick, Shayden Cardinal, and T.J. Wapass with singles. Dino Meger, Jared Valle and Brett "the Moose" Ockerman all getting assists.

With the talent these young guys have, someday down the road the days of Thunder will return. **Micro-Novices** Jaden VanMaarion and Luke Poulin scoring a hat trick each, in a six-all tie against Mannville Saturday morning, some great stick saves by tough little Kaden Allen, he allowed only one past him when three Mannville players came crashing into the cage and barreled him over, Joseph Cardinal, Dean Ockerman and Nic Penner also coming up with big beauty saves when it was their turn to guard the fort.

The **Novice No. 1** team coming on the ice next with a big victory over Mannville on Saturday morning, hat tricks for gritty Dylan Ference, sniper Hayden Ludlage and his little spark-plug brother Liam, two each for power forward Parker Allen and the speedster Colton Van Maarion, rugged Ronan Poulin finding the mesh with one, and the big solid D-man Danny Cardinal with his first ever goal. Not much action for goaltender Brandon Schaap who was behind the mask in this one, and came up with big saves when he had to.

Remains identified

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The victim was able to leave the residence and call police. When police were investigating the initial complaint, they received a second call stating that a female was now being assaulted by the same male suspect at another residence. Members attended and located the male suspect. The 26-year-old resident of Elk Point has been charged with numerous offenses including assault causing bodily harm and uttering threats.

Impaired driving
 On Nov. 21 at 3:30 a.m., RCMP were traveling behind a vehicle in Frog Lake when the vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. The female driver got out of the vehicle with a beer in hand and looked at the police vehicle. Members spoke with the female and determined that she had been consuming more than just the one beer. The female was arrested for impaired driving and brought to the Elk Point Detachment where subsequent tests indicated a blood alcohol reading twice the legal limit. The 48-year-old Frog Lake female has been charged with impaired driving and driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of 80 mg per cent.

When one member was dealing with the impaired driver, two other members dealt with the vehicle passengers. When a male occupant was told the vehicle was going to be towed, he became combative with police and was placed under arrest. The male was brought to the St. Paul RCMP Detachment where he was housed until sober enough for release.

The **Atom Avalanche** were looking like they might lose their second game of the year, down by a score of 3 to 1 after 40 minutes against Lloydminster on Saturday, the Avalanche's only goal by Angus McFarlane, assisted by Ethan Tremblay. A little positive motivation speech between periods can never hurt, and sometimes it's enough to turn a game around, the coaching staff told their team, "it's time to dig down," the team responded and pulled this one out of the bag. They came out flying in the third, out-played the Blazers, tied up the game on goals by Carson Ference and Brody "the Big O" Odgaard, then with only three seconds remaining on the clock, Garrett McGillivray was the hero of the day, scoring the winner, after being set up on the doorstep by "the Big O" and Alex Hunter. A stellar performance by goaltender Dustyn Pankiw, he saved the boys' bacon in the dying minutes or the score might have easily been the other way around. Some nice defensive work by his sister Taylor Pankiw, and Cyle Graus, Warren Ference and Kaiden Evans-Anderson with some awesome penalty killing.

On Grey Cup Sunday the Atoms hosted Mallaig winning 12 to 7. Alex Hunter with four goals, Brody Odgaard, Carson Ference and Chad Poiras with two each, Kaiden Evans-Anderson and Ethan Tremblay getting singles, Garrett McGillivray getting the call between the pipes and facing 35 shots.

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week: "Only God saves more than Parent." Last week's answer to: "I feel sorry for Scotty. It must be tough dealing with 24 All-Stars." - Fred Shero, on Bowman when he coached the talented, through temperamental, Canadiens.



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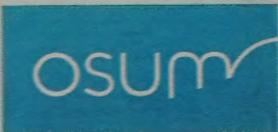
Elk Point Healthcare Centre Auxiliary president Bernice Capjack presented the first shipment of Vials of Life to new Elk Point Pharmacy owner Doug Loder and employee Shauna Kinjerski on Friday. The vials, which will be distributed by the pharmacy and by Elk Point FCSS starting Dec. 7, are designed as a place to keep medical information in a spot such as a refrigerator where it can be obtained quickly by emergency responders. A sticker to put on the outside of the fridge will indicate the vial's location. Elk Point Pharmacy kindly donated all the vials for the project, while the Auxiliary is undertaking a work bee to add labels and fill the vials with the stickers and instructions for use.



Thank you for taking the time to question us on everything. Even our answers.



Lakeland residents, thank you for making our November 25th Town Hall Meeting for the Taiga Project a success. We appreciate you taking the time to come out and ask us questions. If you would like a recap of the evening's questions and answers, or if you'd just like to receive updates on the Taiga Project, please visit osumcorp.com/conversations.



Here comes Santa Claus!



Santa and Mrs. Santa waved from a tractor-drawn hay rack (top), Shamrock Valley Enterprises (above), placed second with their entry; ATB's decorated ATV (right) earned them third prize, and a massive gingerbread house created by Play 2 Learn Day Care and filled with its students (below) in the Winter Wonderland Parade that was a focal part of the 24th annual Christmas Extravaganza.

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